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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Vishal Patel	Art Unit 3673

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,5-17,19,20 and 22-38 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1,2,5-16,20,22-30 and 36-38 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 17, 19 and 31-35 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Objection to the claims 32-34 is withdrawn and not a rejection stands in the Office action below. This action is a non-final Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants claims “pivotal actuation of the first member in a direction generally tangential to the body actuates the hook member from a first axial position with respect to the body to a second axial position”, How is this possible since applicant has not claimed, an engagement member disposed in the slot, the hook member coupled to the first member via the engagement member?

3. Claims 31-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kofflin (US. 5,355,917).

Kofflin discloses a method for securing a preconditioned air connector, the method comprising coupling a first member (12) to a non-pivotal hook member (6) via an engagement member (engagement member that are pins to connect the hook to the first member), pivoting the first member having an arcuate camming surface (arcuate camming surface defined on the bracket between the first member 12 and 15) in a direction generally tangential to a body, the first member being pivotably coupled to the body and driving the non-pivotal hook member in

an axial direction (axial direction of the hook traveling up and down) with respect to the body via the interaction between the engagement member and the camming surface, such that the camming surface defines the axial position of the second member. The method comprising coupling the connector to a preconditioned air source and routing the preconditioned air source (see abstract). The method having step of coupling the connector to an aircraft (see abstract). The method further having step of supporting the first member via an integrated bearing structure of the body (see abstract).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-2, 5-16, 20, 22-30 and 36-38 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 17, 19 and 31-35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vishal Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7060. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am to 8:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather C. Shackelford can be reached on 571-272-7049. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 8, 2005



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